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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.55)**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a foreign application)

Mail Stop: Patent Application  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.55 in the name of inventors:  
**Katsunobu Sumimura, Hideki Ushijima, Kiro Hayakawa and Yukio Ishiguro**

For: **METHOD OF REMOVING NITRATE NITROGEN FROM VEGETABLE JUICE**

Priority of prior Japan Application No. 2003-107372 filed on April 11, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 1.55.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 10 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 2 Sheets of informal Drawings
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Claim For Foreign Priority

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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TOTAL	17	MINUS	20	= 0	x 18 =	0.00
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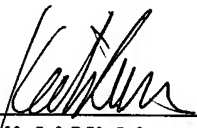
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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